

# Today's Topics



Active transportation & public spaces



Different types of safety



Tools for your personal security



## What is Active Transportation?

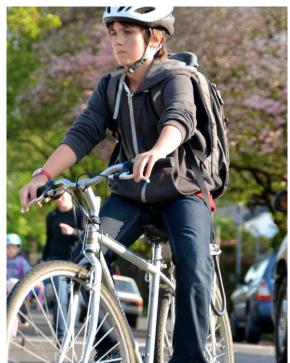
















Walking



Walking/Rolling









Rolling

## What is public space?











# The Principles of Active Transportation





having knowledge or perception of a situation or fact





### **Assertive**

having or showing bold or confident statements & behavior

courteous

polite, respectful, or considerate in manner







Able to be seen

Be visible!







## Different types of safety

### **Traffic laws**



Society's code of conduct for using our right-of-way

### **Personal security**

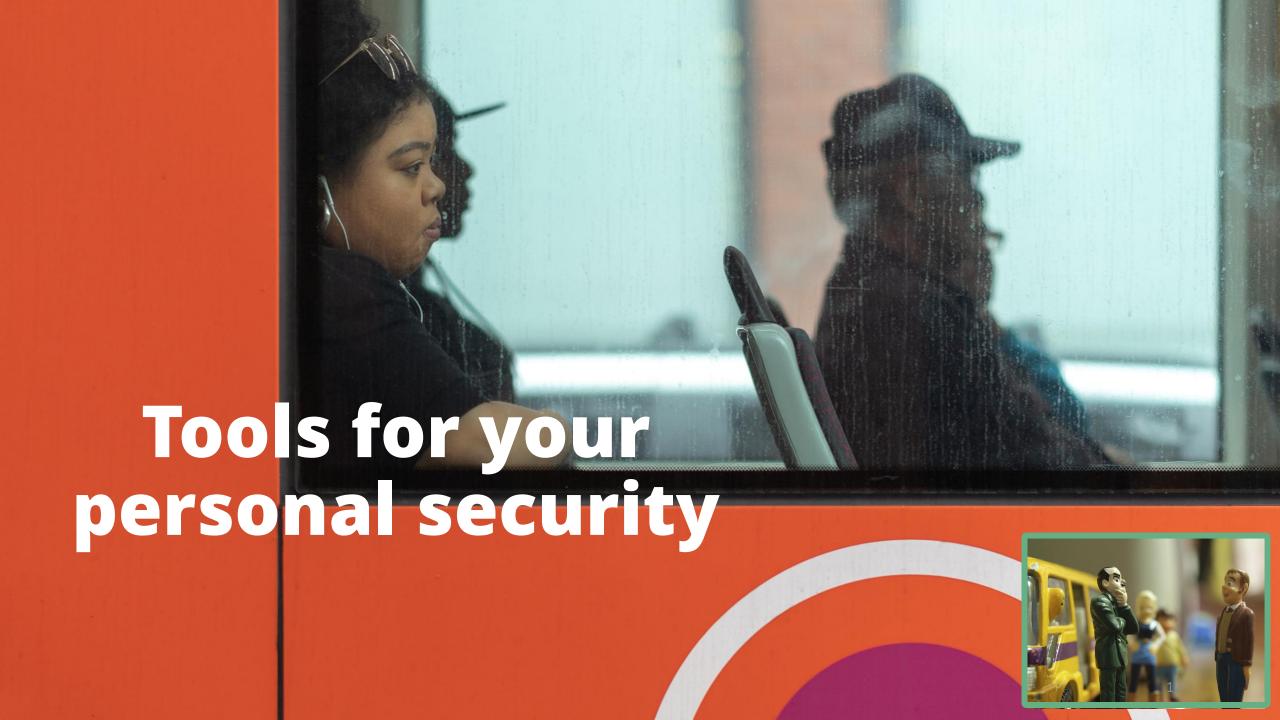


Person-to-person interactions when navigating public spaces

### **Environment**



Interacting with vehicles & street infrastructure



# How do you communicate (verbally and non-verbally) when confronted with an unsafe situation?

### **PASSIVE**

Accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without active response or resistance

### **AGGRESSIVE**

Ready or likely to attack or confront; pursuing one's interests forcefully

### **ASSERTIVE**

Having or showing bold or confident statements and behavior



# PASSIVE

What does passive look like?

 What are risks of being passive?

What are the benefits?

Accepting or allowing what happens or what others do, without active response or resistance





I don't like this. I wish it wasn't happening.



Not doing anything

Someone crossing a boundary won't stop

They won't know you want them to stop

Can show you are an "easy target"

### **BENEFITS**

**RISKS** 

- Can feel more comfortable or natural
- If you don't respond, they might feel ignored and leave you alone





Responding forcefully or with anger, "bigger" than the unsafe behavior

#### **RISKS**

- Can escalate a situation
- Can incite violence
- Reduces your awareness of the situation

### **BENEFITS**

Can show you are not an "easy target"

# ASSERTIVE

What does assertive look like?

What are risks of being assertive?

What are some benefits?

Having or showing confident statements and behavior



# ASSERTIVE

I will do something to let them know that this behavior is not okay with me.

### **RISKS**

 Might feel uncomfortable, unnatural, or not "like you"

### **BENEFITS**

- You are communicating clearly
- You are maintaining your confidence
- You are self-aware
- You are aware of the situation: People and environment around you
- Show you are not an easy target



# What response makes you feel most powerful?



Feeling powerful when aggressive

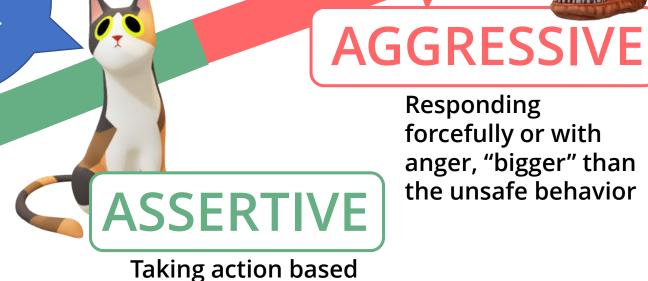
This is me responding assertively, while staying cool and calm!

vs. Feeling powerful when assertive



Not doing anything

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on the situation

Depending on the situation – "match the energy"

- Remove yourself from the unsafe behavior
- Address the unsafe behavior directly
- Ask for help / find allies / make a scene

Assertive communication can help you stay confident, calm, strong and relaxed.

## 3 steps of | ASSERTIVE | communication

## Step 1: NAME IT

What is the problem?

Name what behavior you find unsafe

## Step 2: FRAME IT

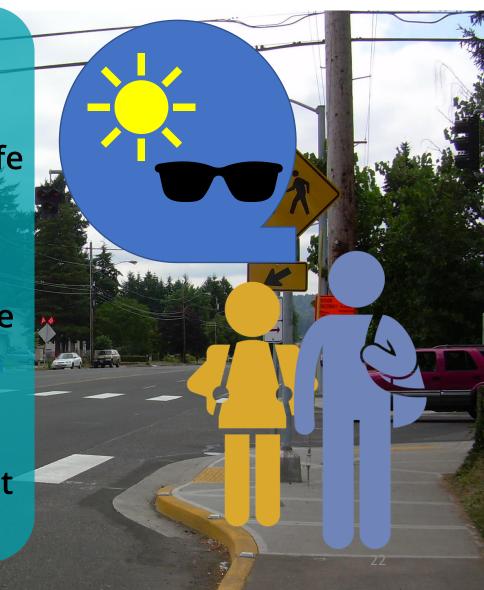
Why is it a problem?

Use "I" statements to say what you don't like

## Step 3: CHANGE IT!

What do you want them to do differently?

In clear words, tell the person how you want them to change the behavior



## On the Bus!

### Practicing assertiveness with strangers in public spaces

### **Scenario 1**

- Tool: Remove yourself from the situation
- Risks + Benefits

### Scenario 2

- Tool: 3-Step method for assertive communication
- Risks + Benefits

### **Scenario 3**

- Tool: Make a scene!
- Risks + Benefits

















- When do you use active transportation in your daily life?
- How do you keep yourself safe?





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Benefits of active transportation



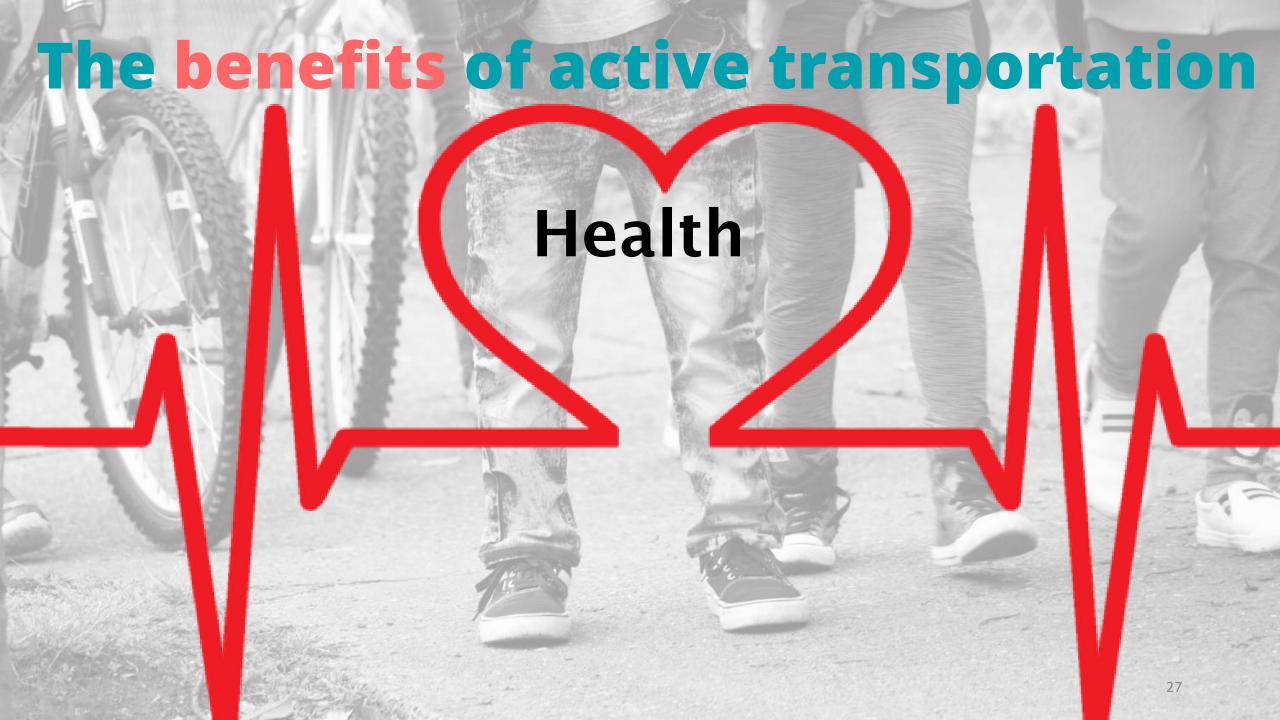
We are all pedestrians!



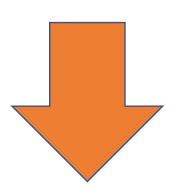
Crosswalk laws & tips for success



How we roll: Transit



## Lowered risk of:

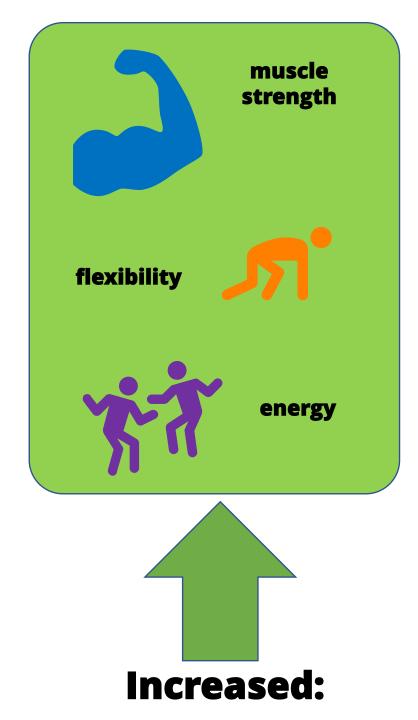




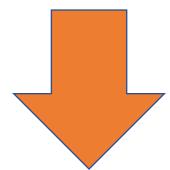


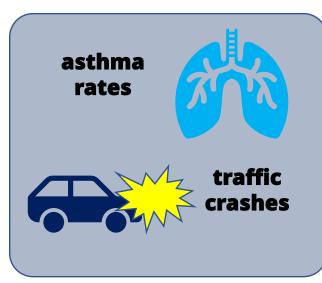
high blood pressure & stress





## Can also reduce:





# How long does it take to burn calories by different modes of transportation?







One carnitas taco



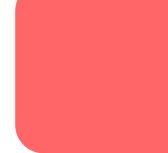




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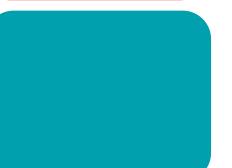




1 chicken Bahn mi



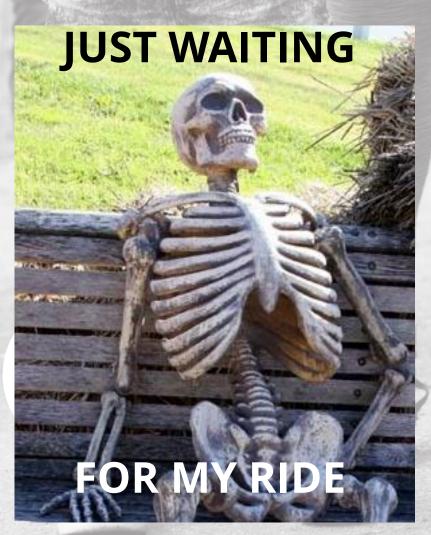




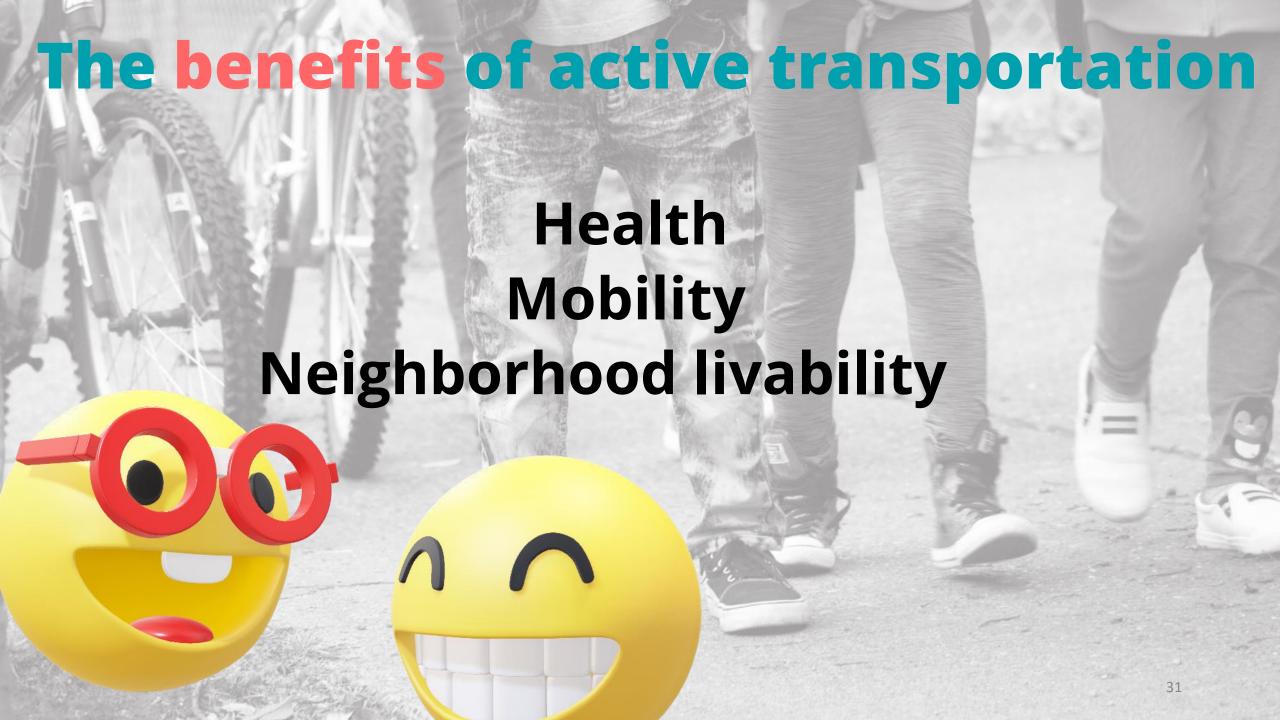


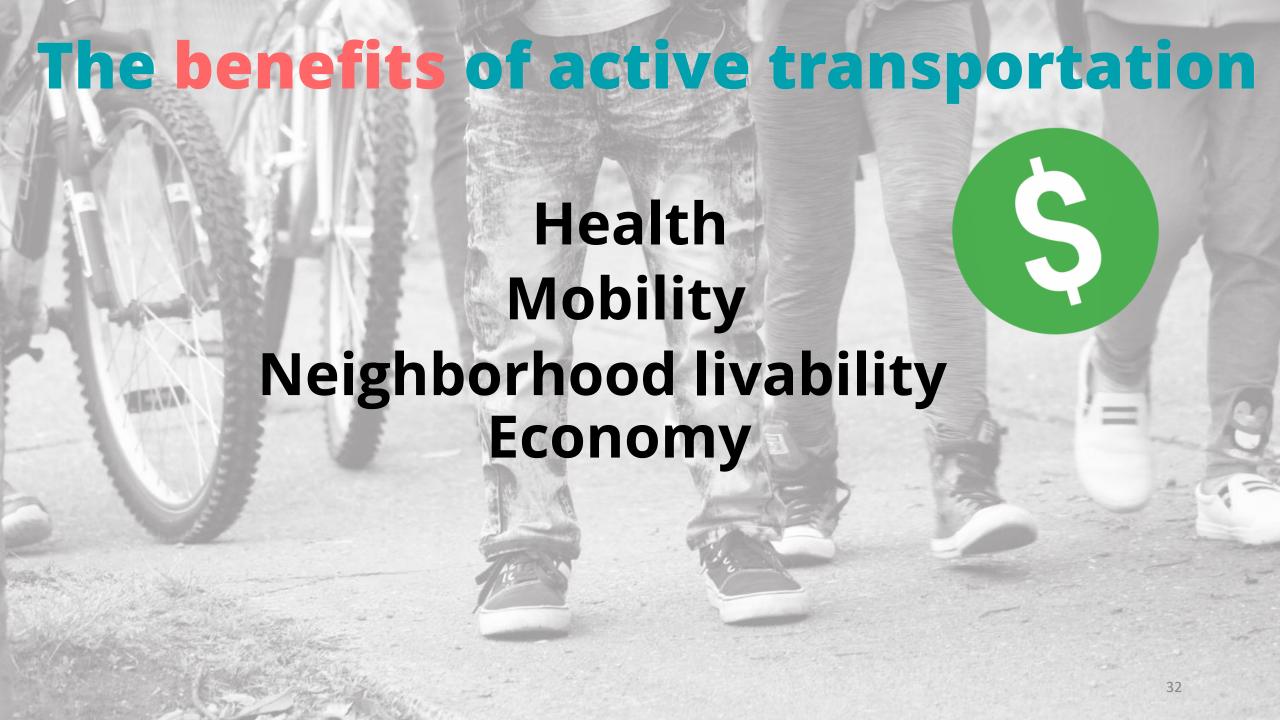
## The benefits of active transportation



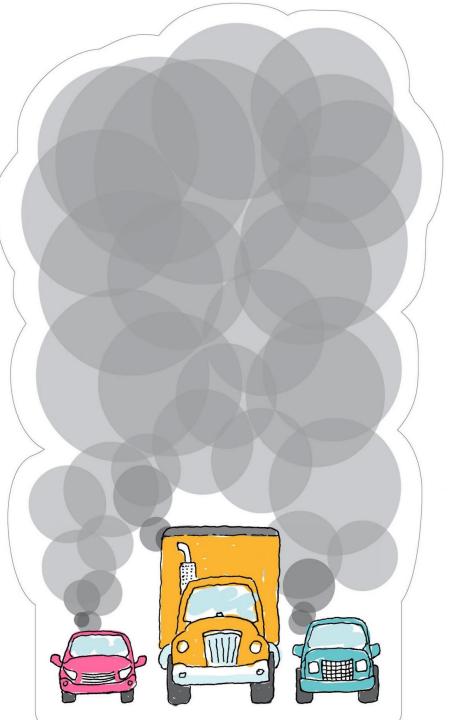












# Why is it important to reduce air pollution?

Idling vehicles
burn gasoline,
creating smog that causes
lung damage & asthma.

- Children breathe 50% more air per pound than adults
- Children's asthma symptoms increase as a result of car exhaust
- Asthma is the most common chronic illness in children and the cause of most school absences



# Active transportation helps reduce these harmful emissions,

but not everyone has access to safe walking, biking, or transit routes.

So what can we do?

ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE means making sure that everyone has a fair chance of living the healthiest life possible. Living a healthy life often depends on the conditions where someone lives, plays, or goes to school, and their ability to thrive there.



We all walk at some point every day. 













## Different types of safety

#### **Traffic laws**



Personal security



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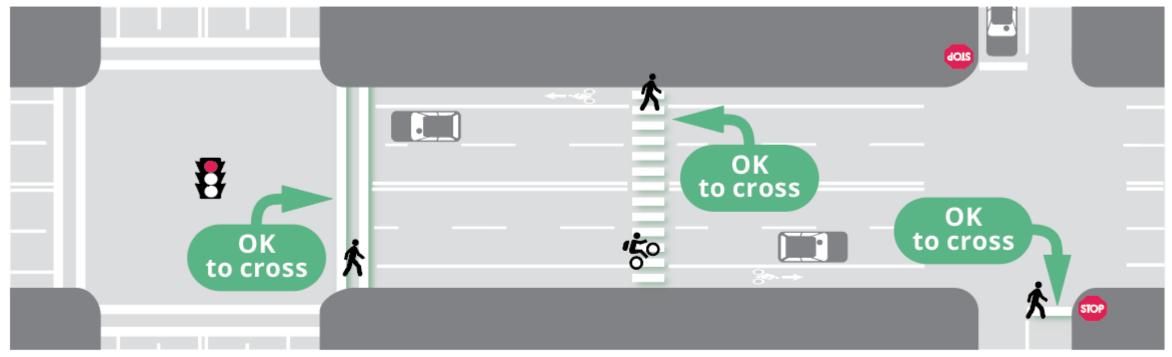


# A: Every intersection in Portland is one of these, whether marked with paint or not.





#### IN PORTLAND, EVERY INTERSECTION IS A CROSSWALK\*





**Pedestrian = a person walking.** There are multiple ways people can "walk." Pedestrians can move using their own legs, a wheelchair, or mobility device.

\* ORS 801.220

## A: Once this begins flashing, pedestrians may not enter a crosswalk.





A: As a pedestrian, you must do \_\_\_\_\_ (by extending a hand, leg, umbrella, or anything that is an extension of your body beyond the curb or the end of the sidewalk into the street) before crossing.

**Courteous** 

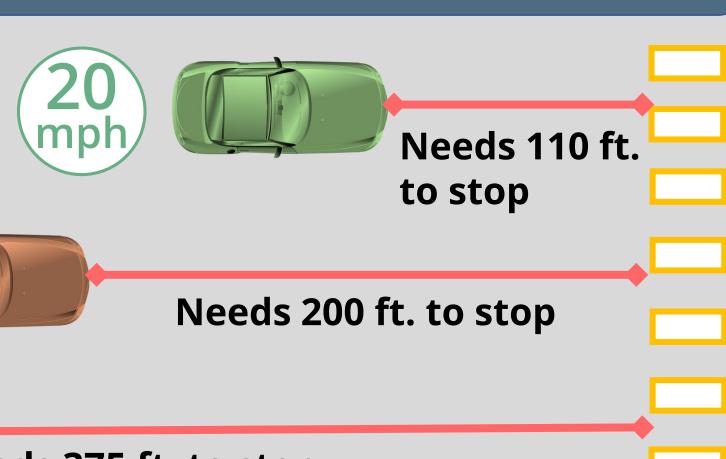
**Predictable** 



A: When crossing the street you must give drivers and \_\_\_\_\_ to stop.











Needs 375 ft. to stop

250 foot city block



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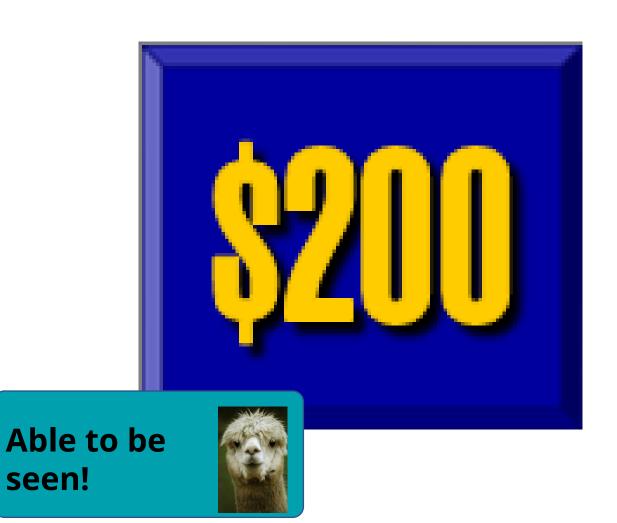


Traffic crashes are fixable problems, caused by **dangerous streets and unsafe drivers.** They are not accidents. They are preventable.

#### Why crash and not accident?



A: Lights, reflectors, bright or contrasting clothing, and lights will help you be more \_\_\_\_\_ during grey weather.



seen!





# Mob

#### This traffic situation is sometimes called a "Double Threat."



The driver in the orange car may not stop for the pedestrian.

Because their vision is obstructed by the grey car they may not be aware they need to stop.

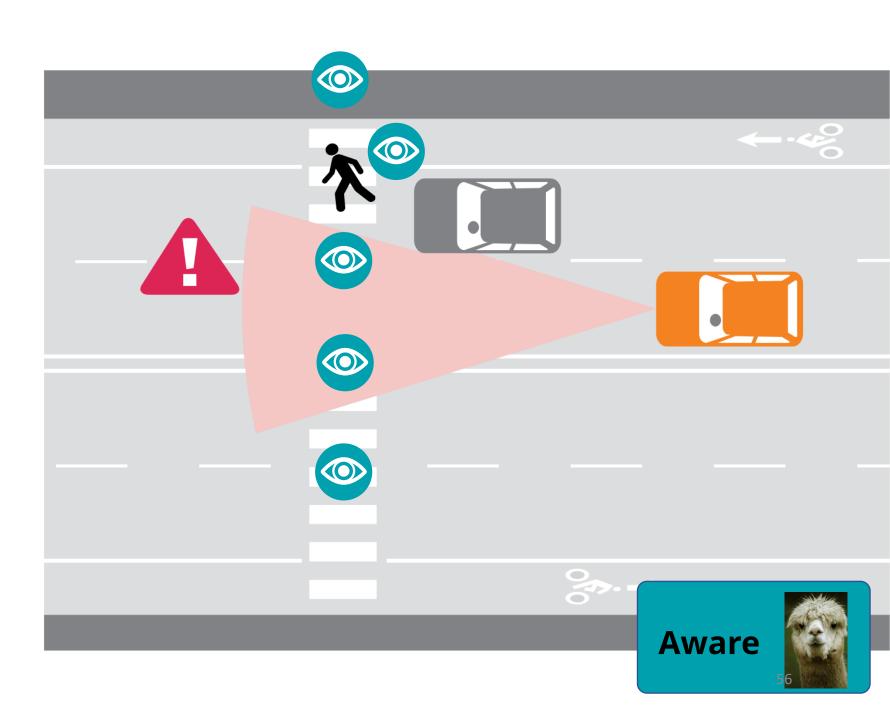




**LOOK** for oncoming vehicles <u>before</u> you begin to cross

**LOOK** for oncoming vehicles <u>as you cross</u>

LOOK before you enter each lane of traffic to make sure drivers see you and have stopped for you

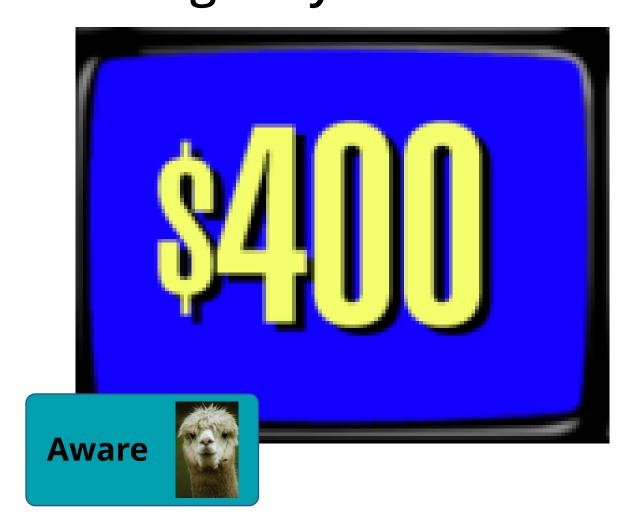


# A: A pedestrian should usually travel in this direction when walking on a road without a sidewalk.



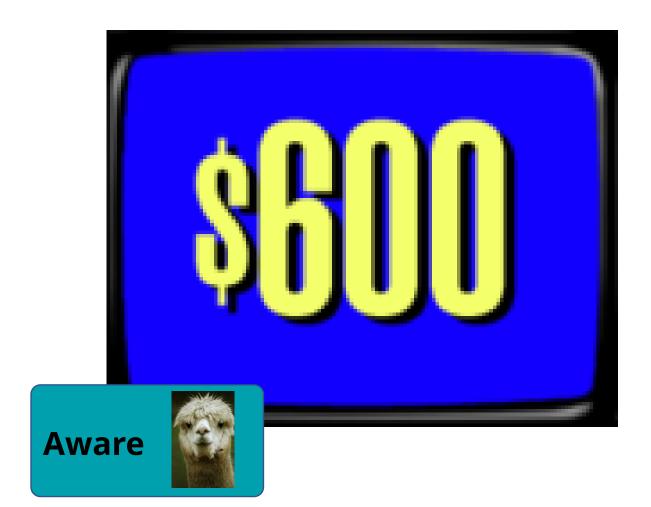


A: Once drivers have stopped for you, you must to make sure they see you and are really waiting for you to cross.





# Putting your phone away and turning your headphone volume down are good examples of this.



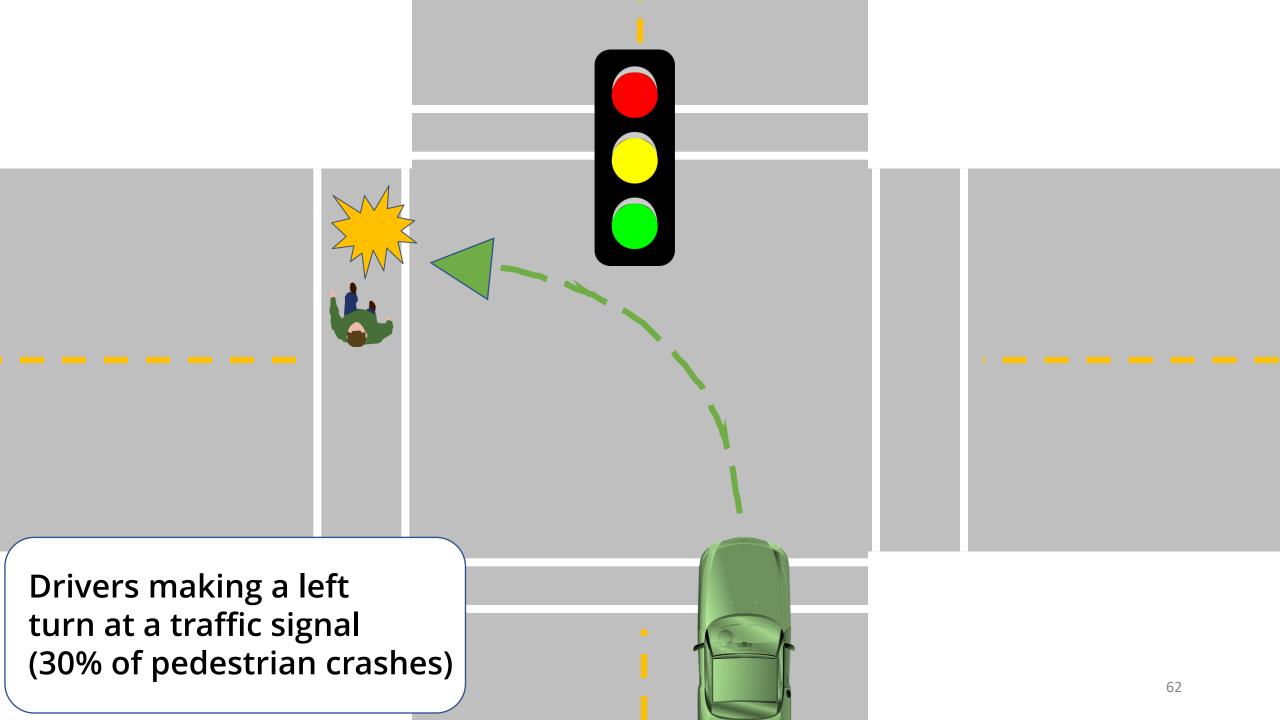


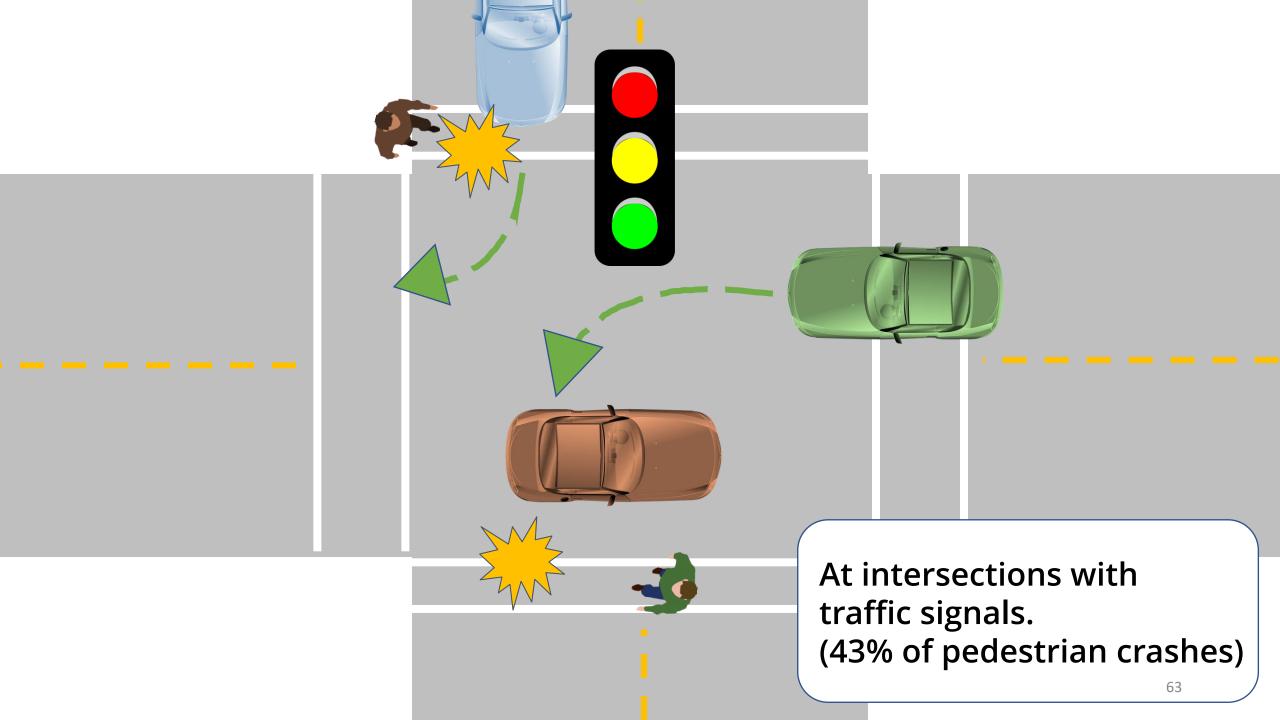


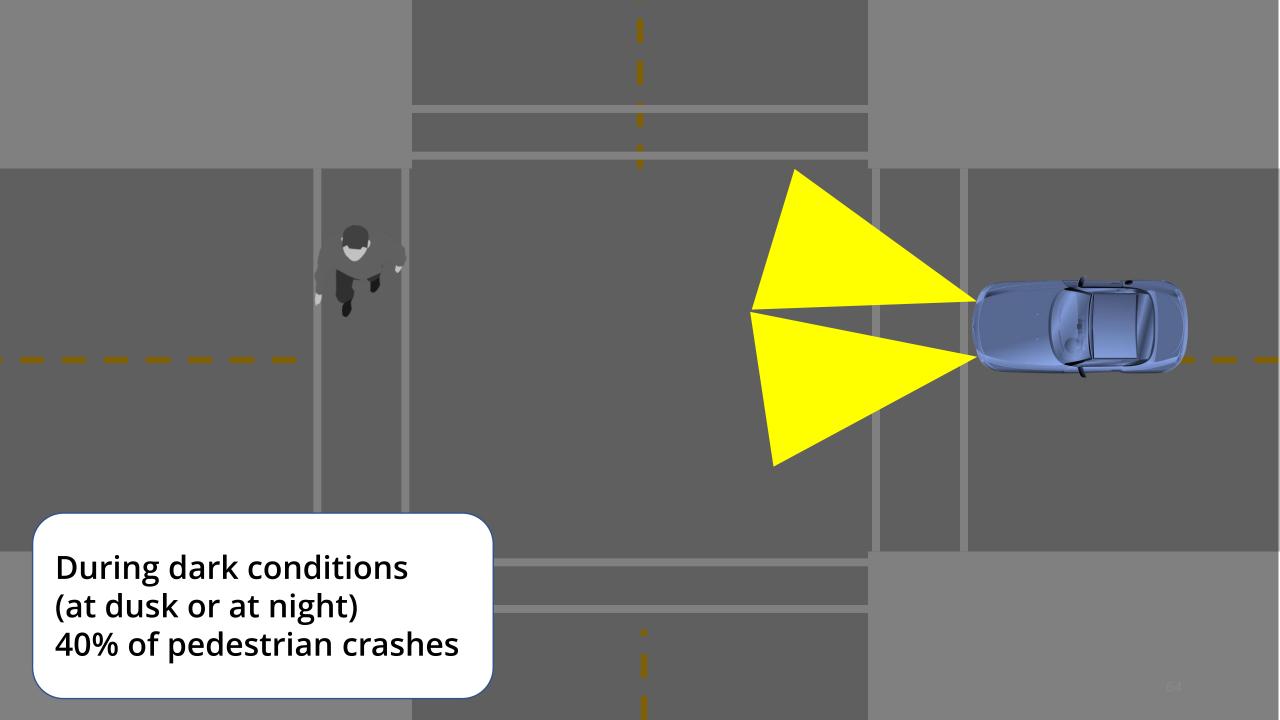
# Q: What are the three most common types of crashes involving pedestrians in Portland?













Bus



MAX (Metropolitan Area Express)



**Portland Streetcar** 



**Aerial Tram** 



WES



**C-TRAN** 



**Columbia Gorge Express** 

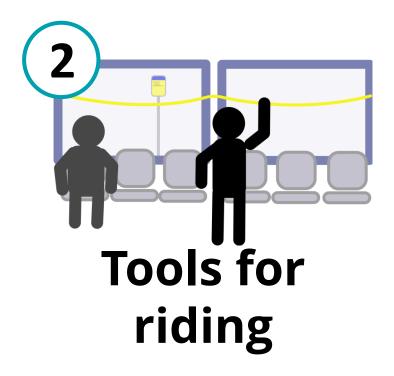








 Getting a lot of people where they need to go in a small space!



- How to ride bus & MAX
- Taking your bike with you/using an access ramp







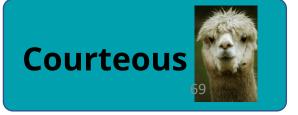












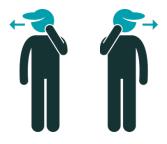


#### Waiting for the bus or MAX



In dark or low-light conditions use your phone to signal the bus when you want to board

Stay alert and look around. Limit distractions.





Trust your intuition when someone makes you uncomfortable. Use the buddy system when you can.

#### On the bus or MAX

Plan a few "safe havens" where you can go if you have to get off in a hurry.





Don't be afraid to tell the bus driver or press the "help" button if you need assistance.

I'm using the three steps of assertive communication



Aware

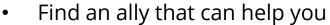








Q) What if the emergency intercom button on the MAX or bus doesn't work?



- Use your phone to call 9-1-1
- Text TriMet's 24-hour customer service team: (503) 238-7433
- If possible, contact the driver/operator







Q) What if someone is causing a scene, but it's not directed at you? What can you do?

#### DO

- Do **ignore the perpetrator**
- Do support the target; see if they would like your help
- Do keep both of you safe
- Do recruit others to help if you are too nervous to speak out or need support

#### **DON'T**

- Don't do nothing
- Don't escalate the situation
- Don't encourage negative bystanders







## Have you experienced a hate or bias incident on transit or anywhere else?

#### What is a hate/bias incident?

Any incident that targets an individual/group based on their age, color, religion, disability (physical or mental), race, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation and so on.

#### **Examples:**

- A person is verbally or physically harassed for being presumed to be from another country
- A person shouts an offensive name at you while you're walking down the street
- A poster or graffiti singles out a racial or ethnic group to intimidate, or includes anti-Semitic messaging
- Someone is intentionally ridiculed for the pronouns they use

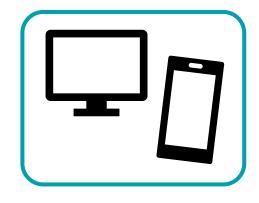


# Etiquette & Street Smarts



### ReportHatePdx.com





Online reporting tool



Counseling, victim advocacy, trainings



**PUAH Resources** 



# (1) Etiquette & Street Smarts



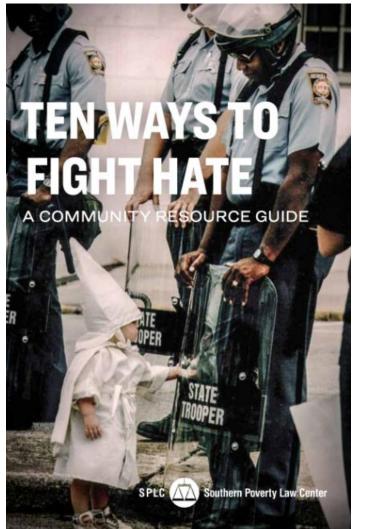
# Interrupt Hate Action Card See something? Do something.

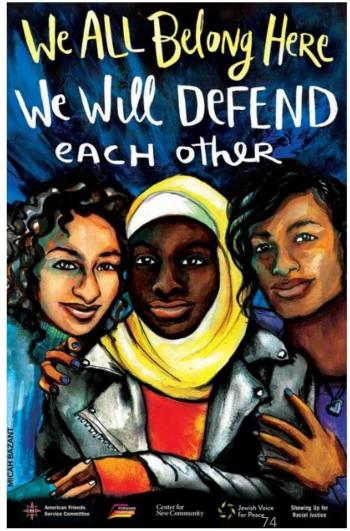
Be calm and assertive.

ASK Speak to the person being targeted: I am uncomfortable with this. Are you ok?

Ignore the attacker. Center and support the person targeted. ACT Stand by the person targeted, look at them, and engage them in conversation. Invite them to go with you, respect their wishes.



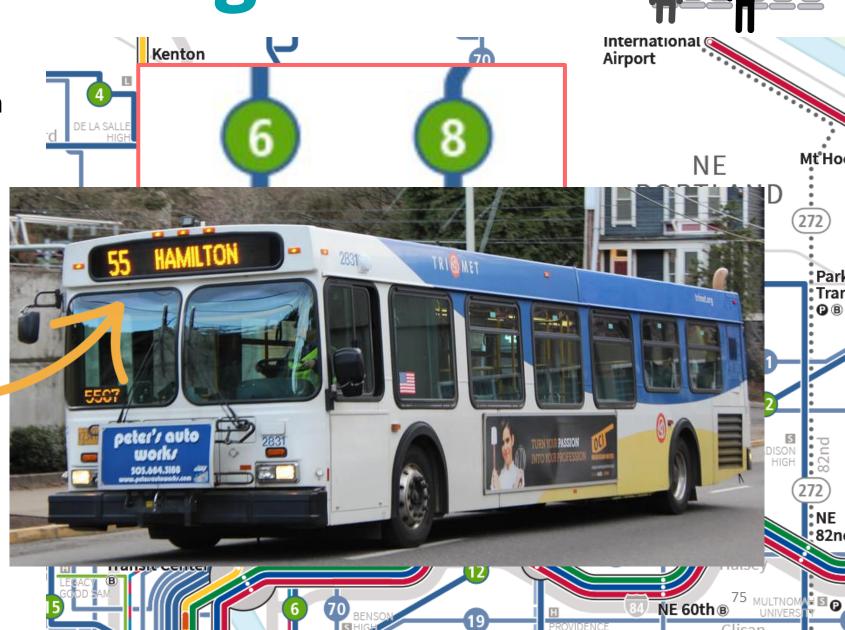




# 2 Tools for riding

Bus lines are designated by number and major streets on their route

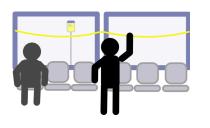
Check the top of the bus for the bus number and route name





On the bus

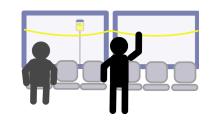
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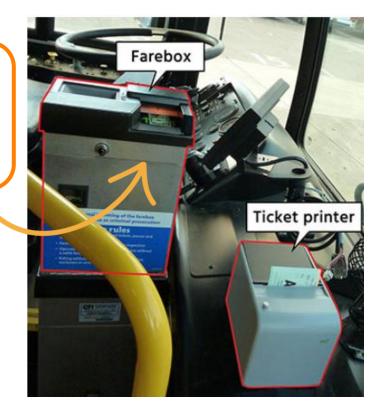


### Paying with cash?



Put **exact change** in the farebox

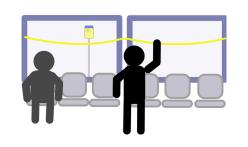
Always board at the front door & be ready to pay or validate your fare





# 2

# Tools for riding



All the ways to pay on the bus



Cash



**Hop card** 



Virtual Hop card



Youth fare

\$1.25 for 2.5 hours \$2.50 All Day



### Taking your bike with you

All buses have a bike rack that folds down





They can each hold two bikes

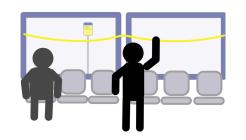






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#### Requesting the bus ramp or lift

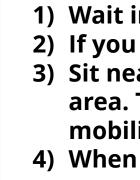


Every bus has a ramp or power lift for anyone who is unable to use the stairs to board.



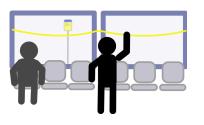


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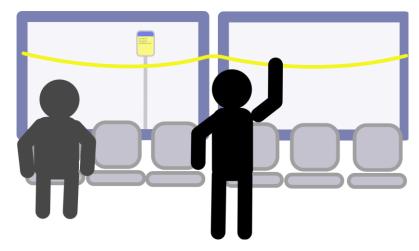


- 1) Wait in view of the operator
- 2) If you need the ramp or lift, just ask
- 3) Sit near the front in priority seating area. The driver will help secure your mobility device if needed
- 4) When the bus stops, the driver will remove any securement straps from your mobility device and deploy the ramp





**Getting off** the bus

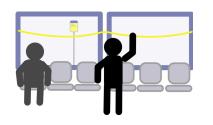


- Pull the yellow cord
- Pull the cord as soon as the bus passes the stop before yours





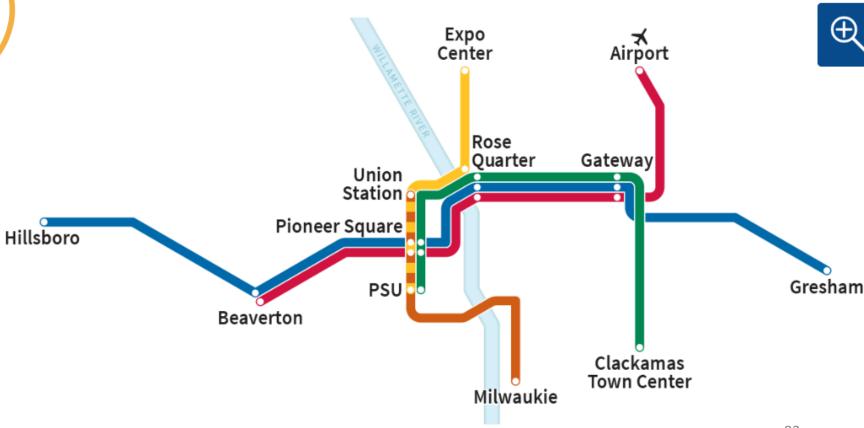




MAX lines are named with colors and their end destinations

MAX SYSTEM MAP



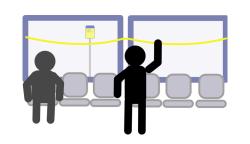




On MAX



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All the ways to pay to ride MAX



Cash at machines (at station, not on MAX)





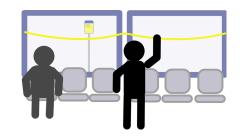
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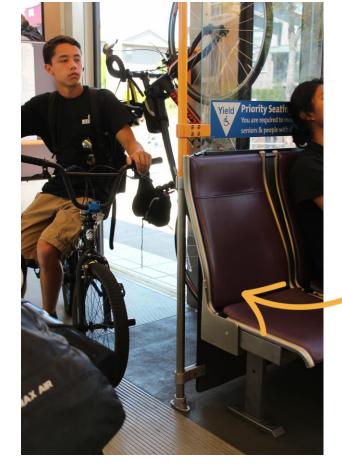
You can hang bikes by their front wheels at the end of some MAX cars.

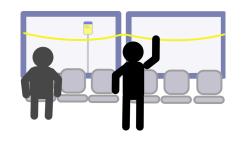


If the hooks are already taken, you can stand by your bike if the train isn't too crowded.

Look for this symbol on the doors of trains that have bike hooks





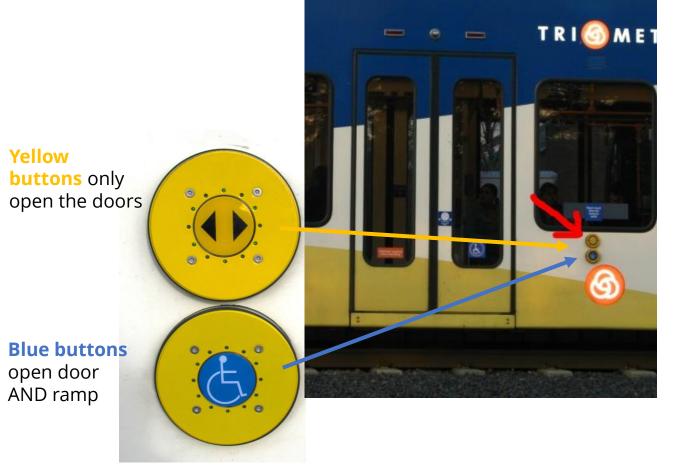


#### Requesting the MAX ramp

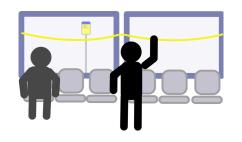
Look for this symbol on the doors of trains that have ramps



- 1) Wait in view of the MAX operator
- Look for the door with the ramp
- If needed, deploy the ramp yourself by pressing the blue button
- 4) Wait behind the white bumpy tiles on the platform while the ramp extends







#### **Exiting the MAX**

Press the blue button to access both door and ramp.

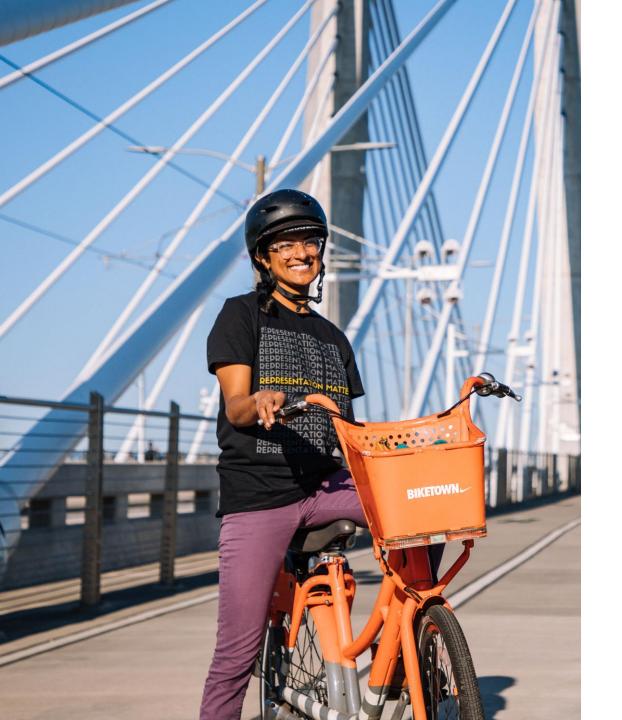
It should light up once you've made your request.



### Reflection

- What do we mean by look before you cross? Where/what are you paying attention to?
- Name one thing you could DO to be an active bystander?
- What skills do you need to ride public transportation?





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Oregon laws for human-powered vehicles



All about Portland streets



Crash prevention

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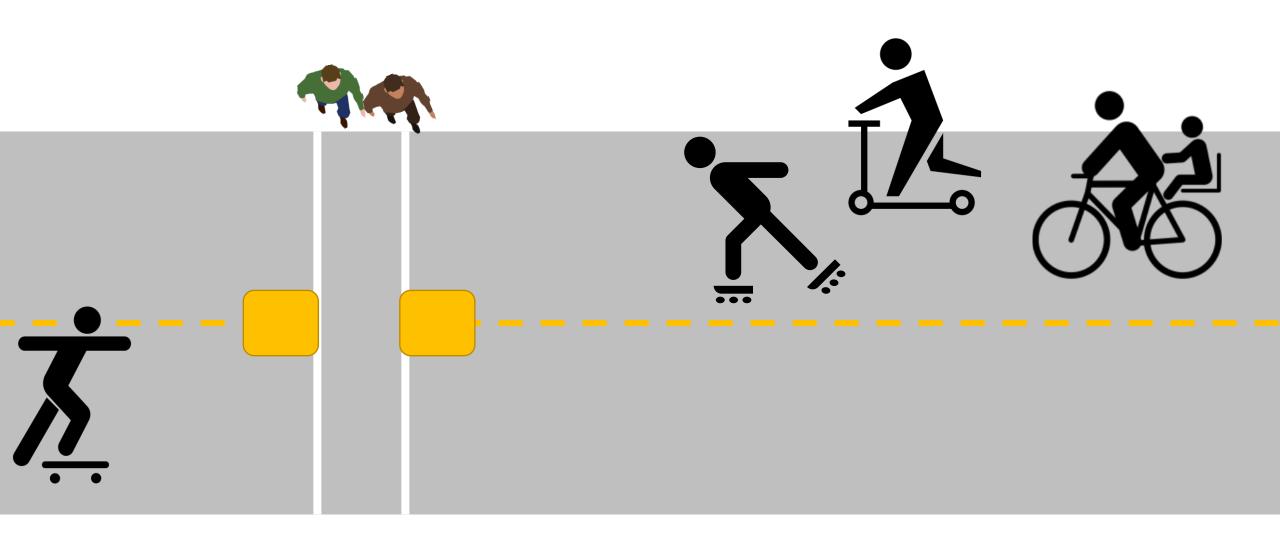










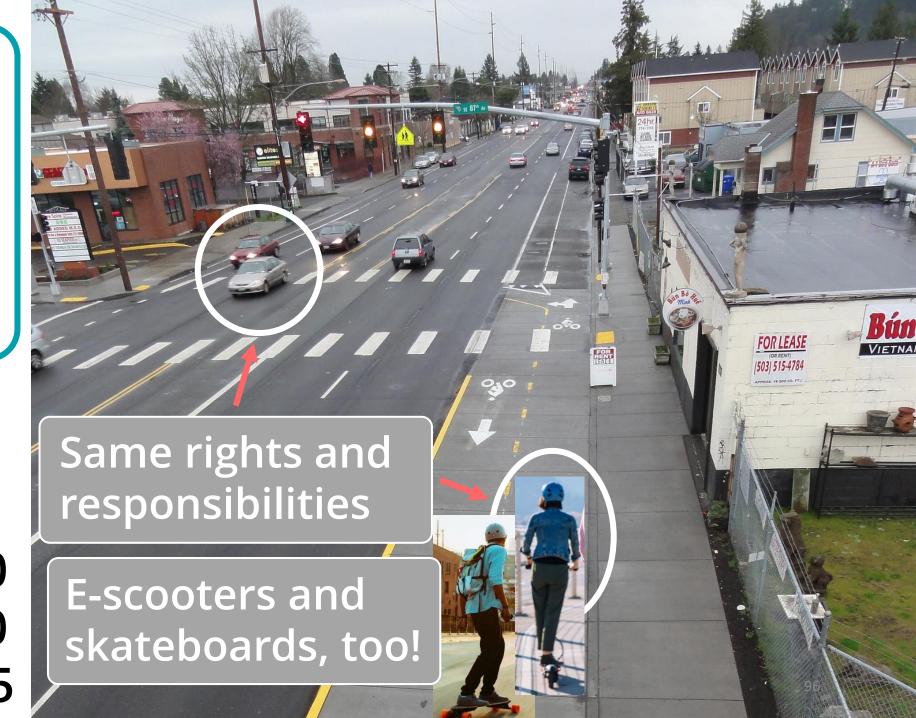




# Bicycles are vehicles



ORS 814.400 ORS 814.510 CO 20.12.205



# 3





It is legal to bike, skate, roller skate, scoot, or rollerblade on any street or sidewalk in Portland <u>outside of the downtown core.</u>



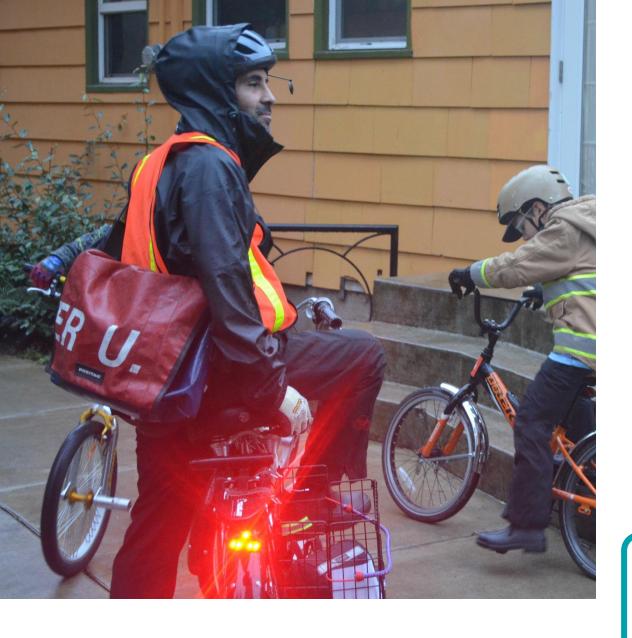
Statewide, using an e-scooter on sidewalks and in crosswalks is prohibited.

#### **Downtown Core**







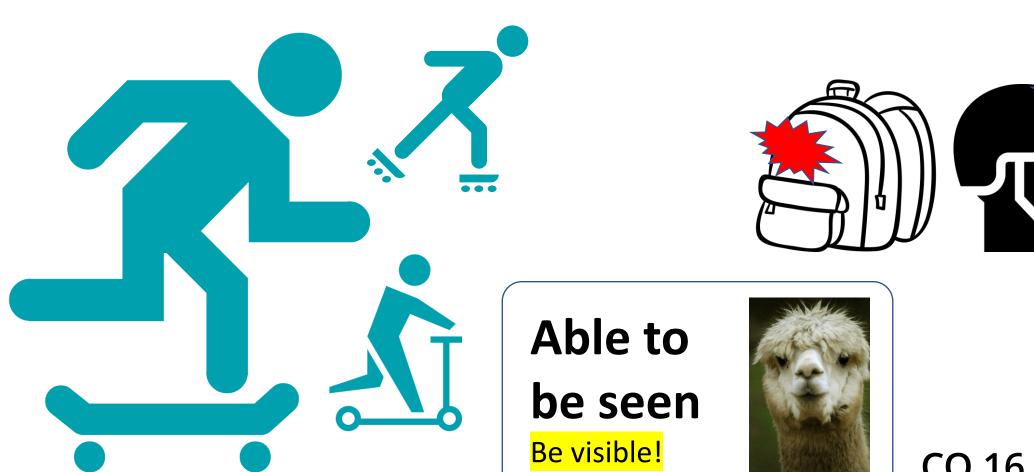




A front white light & at least a rear red reflector are required in dusk or dark conditions.



# Skateboarders & other human-powered vehicles are also required to have front & back lights

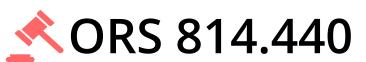




People riding bikes & e-scooters are required to signal when they can

LEFT





STOP

### When might you not be able to signal?



### It's ELECTRIC!



#### **E-SCOOTERS**

- NO sidewalk riding
- HELMETS ARE REQUIRED
- MUST BE 16 OR OLDER (ORS 814.512)
- MUST yield to pedestrians
- NO riding in Portland Parks
   (This includes Parks-owned paths: Eastbank Esplanade, Springwater Corridor, & Waterfront River Trail)

#### **E-BIKES**

- MUST BE 16 OR OLDER
- Are considered bicycles, not motor vehicles
- May not ride on sidewalks or Parks-owned paths (different from other bicycles)





### Helmet benefits



#### 1) Smooth outer layer:

- Helps prevent minor punctures from sharp objects
- Allows head to glide against pavement (reducing trauma to head/neck)

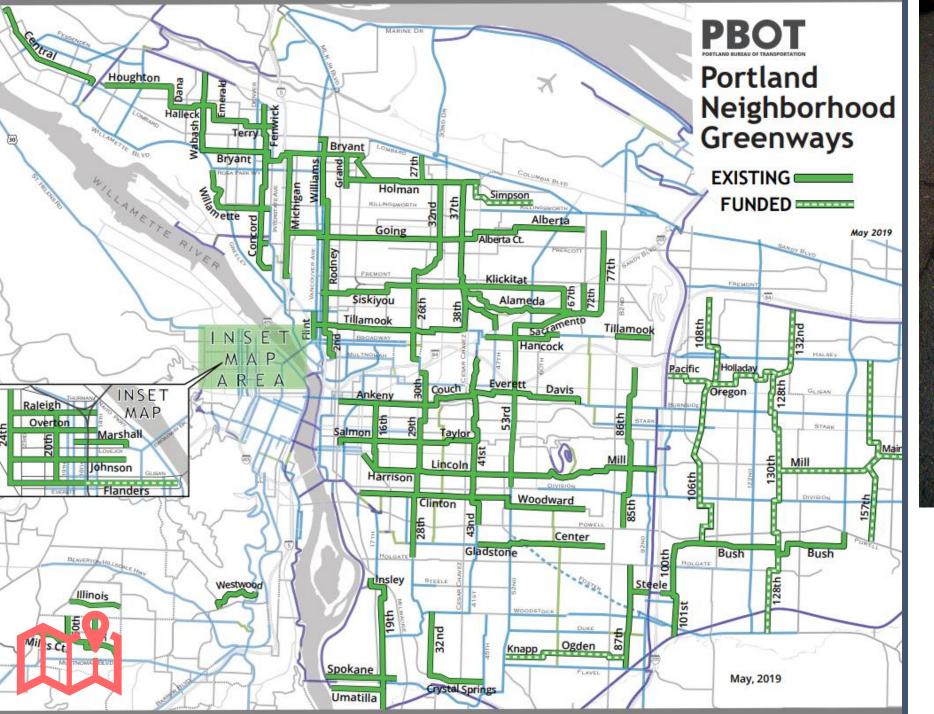
#### 2) Dense polysterene foam core:

Compresses or breaks, spreads the force of a crash over a wider area

 Can usually dissipate energy to prevent a skull fracture or damage to a major blood vessel









Current map of existing and planned Neighborhood Greenways







**Bike Lane** 

**Protected Bike Lane** 

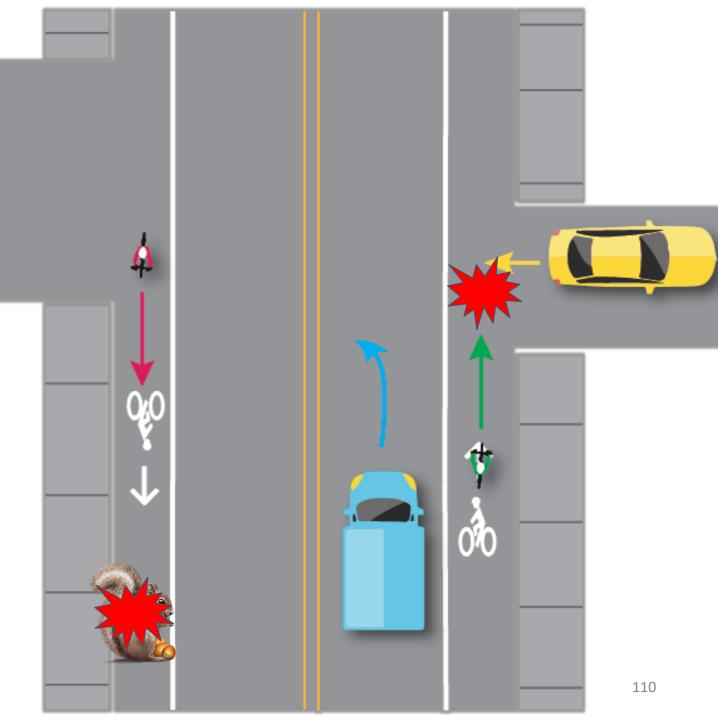
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## So many bike lanes!

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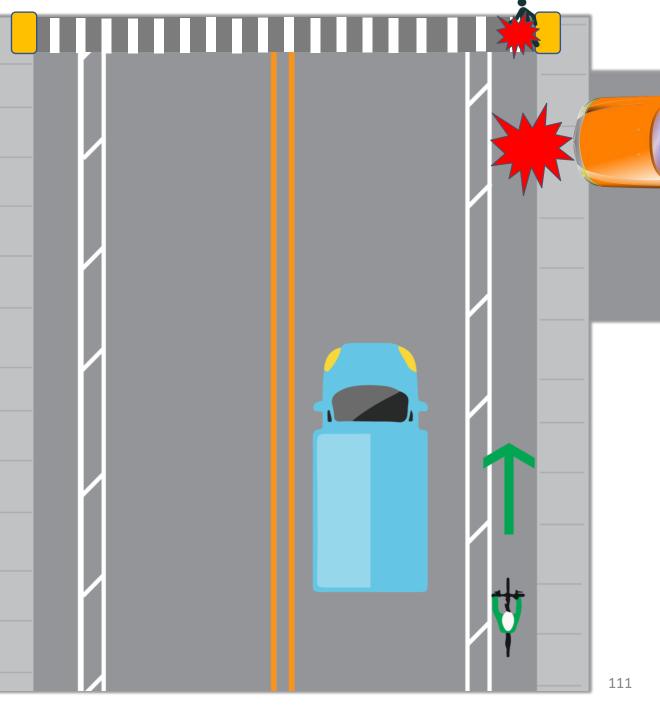






# **Buffered Bike Lane**









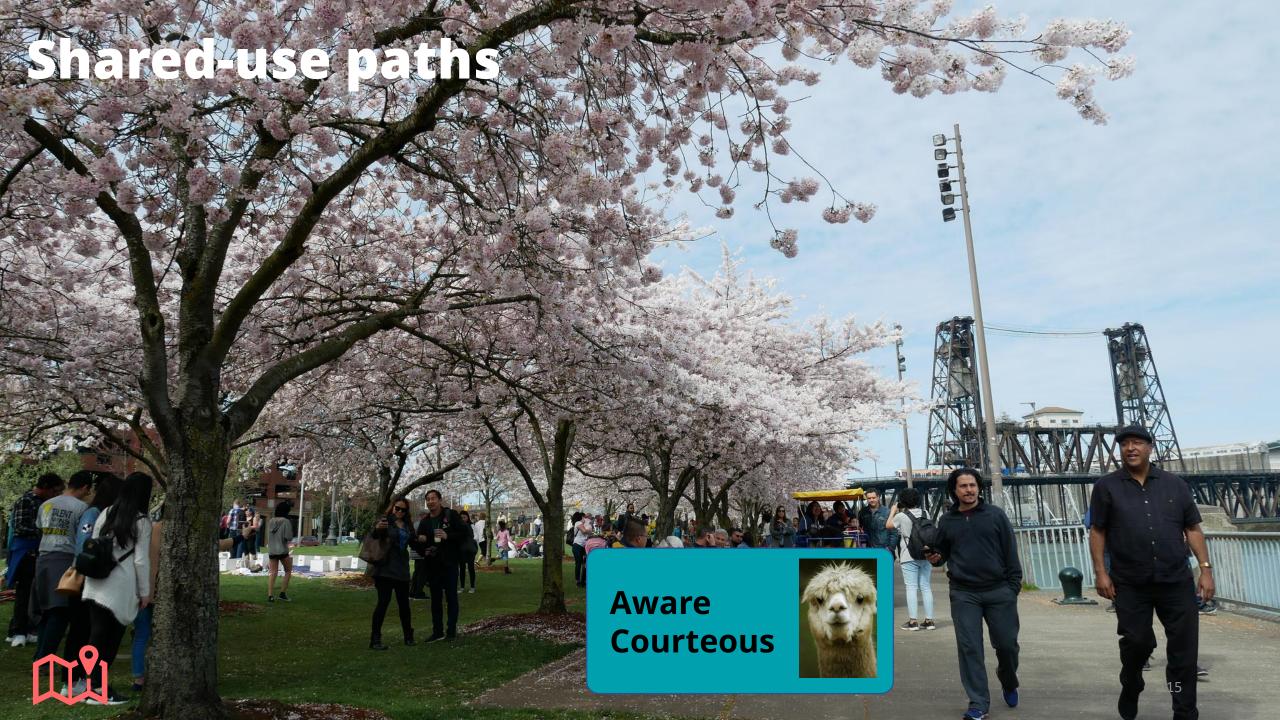








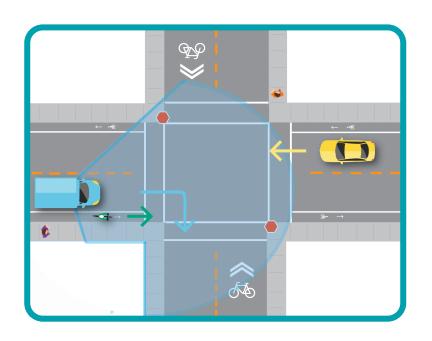


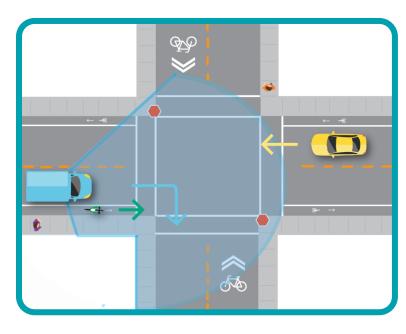


## **Crash Prevention**



#### Common crashes on wheels in Portland







#### At intersections

75% of crashes occurred at intersections

#### **Intersections without signals**

- 44% of crashes at intersections w/o signals
- 31% of crashes w/ signals

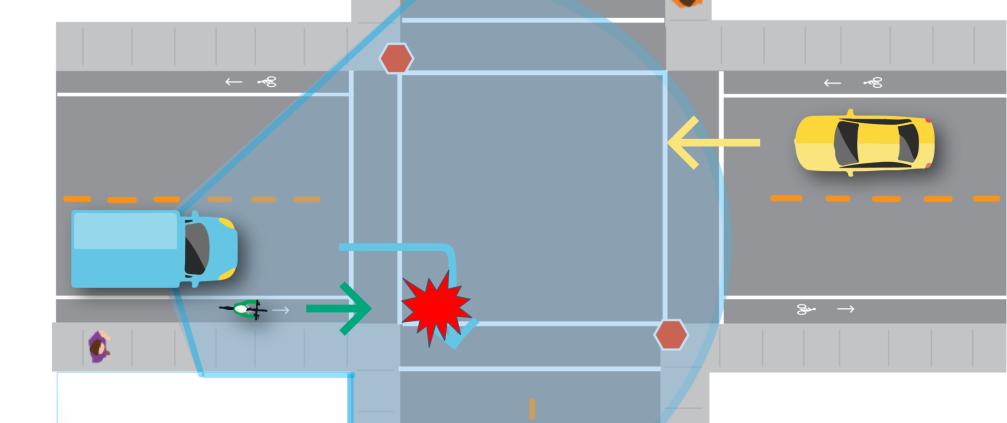
#### At night

18% of crashes occur in dark conditions



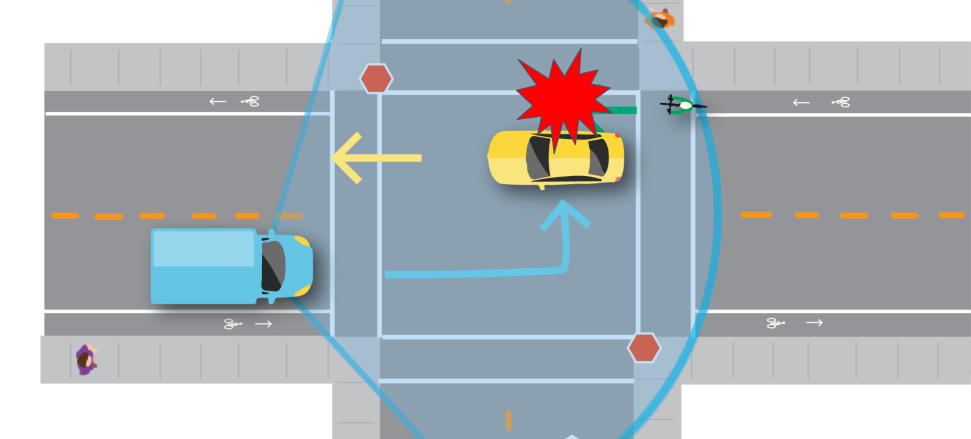
Data source: Oregon Department of Transportation, 2006-2015

## Right Hook



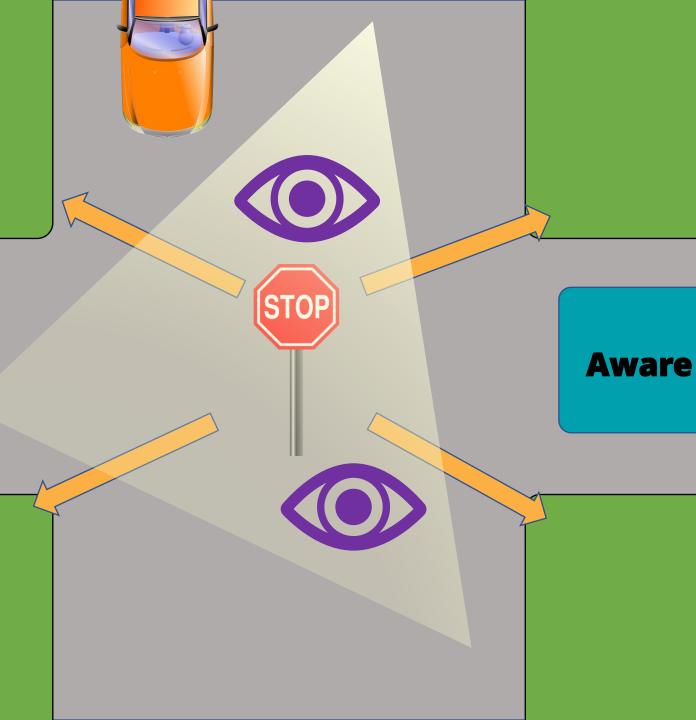


## Left Cross





## **Uncontrolled intersections**



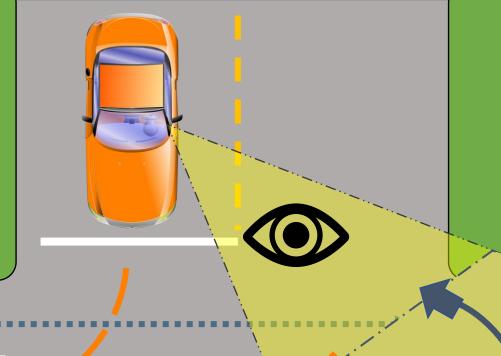


# Wrong way riding



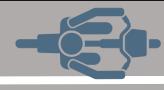


# Wrong way riding

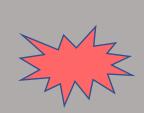


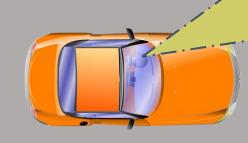
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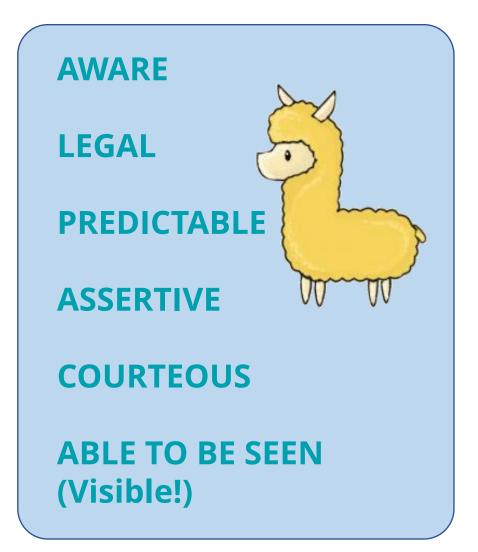


Primary Field of View





In a world where we have little control over what others do, the ALPACA principles can help get you where you need to be in a way that respects others and feels good to you.





### Reflection

- List one of the laws a person on a human-powered vehicle must obey and why.
- When you're on a bike, scooter or skateboard, what should you be looking for when approaching an intersection with a traffic signal?
- Why is wearing a helmet the last resort when it comes to traffic safety?







#### **SafeRoutes** Hillsboro Safe Routes To School











